

## ROOSEVELT MAY VISIT RICHMOND

Gives Conditional Promise to Speak at Colored State Fair.

DEPENDS ON HIS TIME

Congratulates Negroes on What They Are Accomplishing for Their Race.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 16.—Theodore Roosevelt saw no politicians today and talked no politics. He talked of cows and conservation, of tree-chopping, the state of affairs in Africa and the negro in the South.

Colonel Roosevelt did say, however, that he had decided definitely to speak before the Conservation Congress in St. Paul on September 6. He was informed that there had been reports of friction because some of the men on the program as speakers were regarded as ultra-radical in their views. He gave the impression that the matter had been adjusted, and said that his speech would be delivered as scheduled.

The colonel was hard at it all the afternoon chopping down trees which had been in the Roosevelt family so long that they had grown old and decrepit.

As the colonel finished chopping three of the Roosevelt cows ambled placidly down the shady, winding roadway on their way to the barn. They were provoked by ropes hitched to a couple of farm hands.

"Do you ever milk the cows?" some one asked.

"No, I can't milk cows," the colonel admitted. "The last time I tried was many years ago on a ranch in North Dakota, where we had only condensed milk morning and night. I chased a cow lickety-split for two miles over everything we came to; roped her, threw her and turned her upside down. But the result was not as good as I expected. I got precious little milk."

Get Cordial Welcome.

The only visitors at Sagamore Hill were four negroes from the South. They received a cordial welcome. The delegation consisted of Giles B. Jackson, of Richmond; John C. Dancy, of Salisbury, N. C.; Dr. William D. Crum, of Charleston, S. C., and Harry S. Cummins, of Baltimore. All are prominent in the political work of their race in the South.

Dr. Crum was recently appointed minister to Liberia, and is to sail for that country on Tuesday.

The visitors requested Colonel Roosevelt to speak at the Colored State Fair in Richmond, in October, on his views of conditions in Africa. After a half-hour's talk with Colonel Roosevelt the negroes returned to New York. Each of them had a chip as a souvenir, for they had found the ex-President chopping down a tree. He talked with them about his experience in Africa and promised to speak at the fair in Richmond if he had time.

Colonel Roosevelt asked Crum, when he returned to Sagamore Hill, to tell him about the conditions of the negroes in Liberia and the British possessions. Dancy told the colonel that whenever any racial difficulties arose in the South he fought it out right there among the people who were directly concerned, without bringing the dispute before the whites in the North.

Colonel Roosevelt congratulated his visitors on what they were doing to improve the condition of the Southern negroes.

For the next week the ex-President hopes to keep away from politics and have a quiet time of it.

American Actor Killed Abroad.  
Vienna, July 16.—An American actor named Plumer was accidentally killed yesterday near Scharfing, upper Austria. With another American actor, whose name is given as Victoria, Plumer was spending a vacation at Mondsee. Yesterday they made a mistake on an excursion on bicycles to the nearby Schafberg, which rises 5,840 feet above the sea, and from where one of the most picturesque views in the German Alps may be obtained. In rounding a curve at a dangerous point in the road Plumer's wheel came in contact with the stone and the actor was thrown off and instantly killed.

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## WORK OF AMATEURS CAUSES BIG LOSS

Try to Extinguish Blaze Without Turning in Alarm.

\$1,000,000 UP IN SMOKE

For a Time Flames Threaten to Wipe Out Several Blocks of River Front.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
New York, July 16.—Because amateur fire-fighters on the Metropolitan Line passenger steamer Harvard attempted to put out a blaze that started in the midst of a lot of merchandise on pier 14, North River, at noon today, instead of sending in an alarm, a fire which did upwards of a million dollars' damage gained headway and for a time threatened to wipe out several blocks of the river front.

When an alarm was turned in the fire had spread from the pier to the Harvard, and also to the freight steamer H. F. Dimock, moored on the North Side. A half-dozen lighters were also ablaze, and when the firemen arrived the river was full of men, some of whom could swim and some could not, and all of whom were obliged to take to the water to escape being burned alive.

Two Reported Drowned.  
All of those who took to the water were reported to be safe to-night except two men. One of these was a coal passer and the other a fireman on the Dimock. Neither man could swim, and it is believed they were drowned. A number of men who were at work on the pier when the fire started are still unaccounted for, but it is believed they went to their homes.

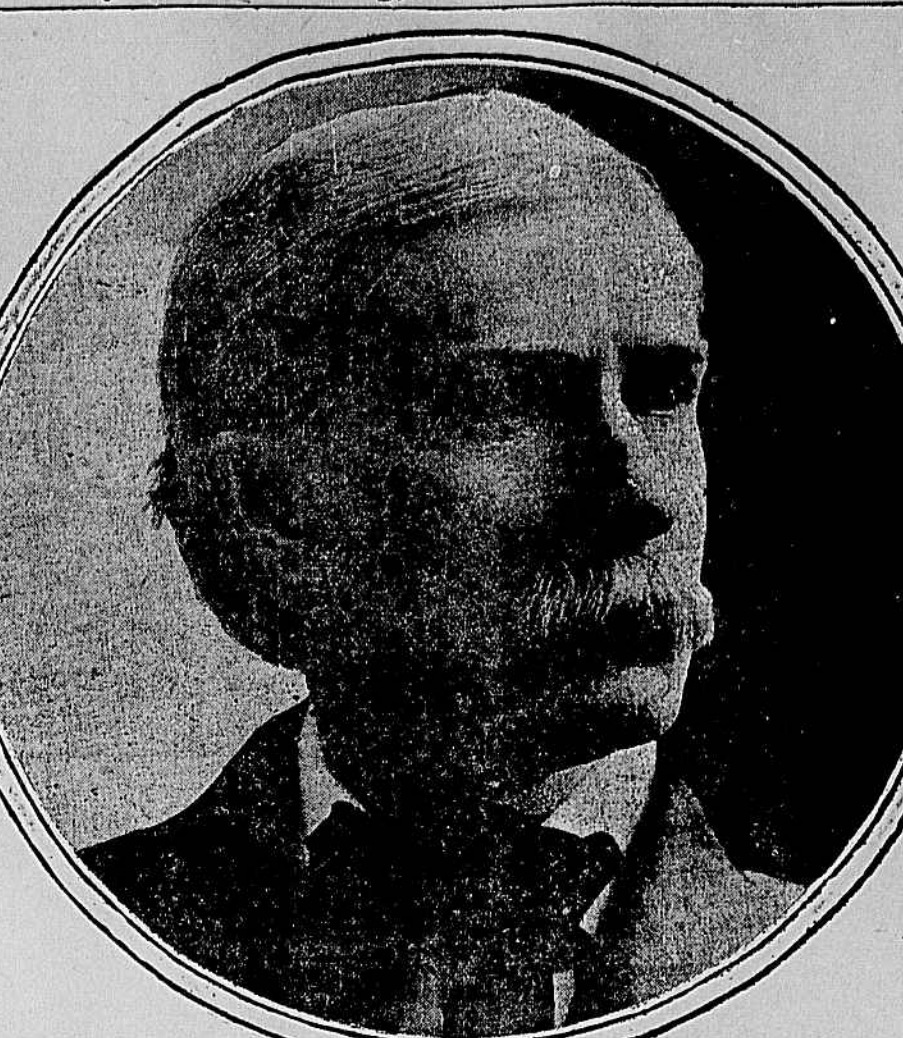
Everything on the pier was totally destroyed, a number of barges were burned to the water's edge, and the Dimock was badly damaged, so that she will have to be practically rebuilt.

The task that the firemen had was difficult. If an alarm had been turned in when the fire was first discovered comparatively small damage would have been done. As it was the firemen had to work hard to prevent the old American Line pier, just north of the Metropolitan Line pier, from catching fire. If this had caught the Lackawanna ferry-house at the foot of Barclay Street would have surely gone too. On two or three different occasions, when the fire was at its worst, the roof of Washington market caught fire. The firemen managed to keep the flames from spreading, however, so that in the end the damage was confined to the pier, to the lighters and the Dimock.

Taxed to the Limit.  
Not only was the fire-fighting apparatus taxed to the limit, but a dozen or more firemen had to jump overboard to help in rescuing those who had been driven into the water by the terrible heat. The work of the firemen was splendid. They not only fought the fire for hours, tying up alongside the blazing pier, but they also got the Harvard out in safety and helped the Dimock out after her entire superstructure was ablaze.

Three Lackawanna tugboats also assisted, running the Dimock over to the Jersey flats after the fire-boat had taken her from the pier. Later the fire-boat pulled the Dimock out of the mud and brought her back to this city. She is now tied up alongside pier 15, her decks burned to cinders and the 800 tons of cargo she had aboard practically ruined by water.

## Pennsylvania Oil King, Who Has \$7,000,000 Debts



COLONEL JAMES M. GUFFEY, Pennsylvania State Democratic leader and famous oil and coal man, whose business affairs have been put in the hands of a receiver.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH IS 300 YEARS OLD

Formal Celebration of Anniversary Will Begin To-day.

AN IMPRESSIVE PROGRAM

Consecration of First Foundation to Take Place Tuesday.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Hampton, Va., July 16.—With distinguished bishops and ministers in attendance, the congregation of famous old St. John's Church will to-morrow begin the celebration of its three hundredth anniversary. According to the church history of the parish of Elizabeth City, from which has grown the present congregation, it was formed in July, three hundred years ago, and the most accurate information gives the date of the establishment of the church as July 17, 1610. For several months the congregation and the rector, Rev. Beverly Estill, D. D., have been planning to observe the third century anniversary, and the exercises are expected to attract many prominent Episcopalians from all sections of the Old Dominion.

Up to-day the venerable bishop of Virginia, the Right Rev. A. M. Randolph, D. D., had been expected to come here to open the celebration to-morrow morning, with confirmation services, but a telegram from the aged prelate says that he is with his ill mother in Baltimore, and that he will not be able to be present at any of the anniversary exercises.

The Rev. Beverly D. Tucker, D. D., bishop coadjutor, will take the place of Bishop Randolph, and will confirm a class of twenty or more communicants at the morning services. The exercises proper will begin at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, when Holy Communion will be administered by Bishop Tucker, after which the formal presentation of the beautiful flagon will be made.

Historical Address.  
At 11 o'clock Sunday morning Bishop Tucker will confirm a class of communicants, and will then make a historical address, giving information relative to the establishment of the Episcopal Church, and its growth in this country.

Sunday afternoon the services will be in the nature of historical talks, as the Rev. W. W. Scott, chaplain at Fort Monroe; Rev. J. M. Neifert, chaplain of the National Soldiers' Home, and the Rev. R. H. Wright, assistant rector of St. John's Church, will be the speakers.

Monday night the Rev. Corbin Braxton Bryan, D. D., of Petersburg, formerly the rector here, will give an address in which he will tell of the work under his rectorship. Probably the most impressive as well as the most unique feature of the celebration will take place on Tuesday morning, when services will be held on the site of the first foundation of the church. This foundation was only recently found, and is located on the Tabb Farm, just at the outskirts of the city. The Rev. J. J. Gravatt, D. D., rector of Holy Trinity Church, who spent twenty-seven years as rector of St. John's, will make the address at the foundation, while the complete vested choir, consisting of forty or more male and female voices, will render appropriate music. This exercise will be denominated the consecration of the first foundation. It has been for years a desire of antiquarians here to locate the first and original foundation of the church, and Jacob Heffelfinger finally made the discovery.

Complete Record of Church.  
Tuesday the celebration will end with a historical address by Jacob Heffelfinger, senior warden of the board of vestrymen. Mr. Heffelfinger has compiled a complete history of the church from its beginning to July, 1910.

St. John's Church has been served by some of the most distinguished ministers of England and the United States, and a list of their names would make very decidedly interesting reading. Mr. Heffelfinger will probably be able to

give the names of nearly all the rectors.

Although Hampton has been destroyed twice by fire, it is known that a portion of the present walls of the church here has been standing for more than 200 years, if not longer.

In the cemetery, surrounding the church, are buried many men who make history in the early stages of the American Colonies, and altogether the celebration is going to prove the biggest event in Episcopal church that has transpired on the Virginia Peninsula in several centuries.

## NINE BUILDINGS BURNED IN LYNCHS

Business Section of Town Wiped Out, Causing Loss of \$50,000.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Lynch, Va., July 16.—A very destructive fire occurred here this morning, completely destroying all business houses, the post-office, hotel and telephone exchange. Night Operator Richardson discovered the fire in J. D. Jacobson's store at 12:14 o'clock this morning. He immediately gave the alarm, and in a short time quite a crowd of volunteers was hard at work trying to extinguish the flames and to save all goods possible. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. Nine buildings were destroyed, two being covered by insurance. The following suffered loss: J. D. Richardson, stock of goods, partially covered by insurance; J. W. Frazier, store house and small dwelling house, no insurance; E. Taylor, post-office and many valuable relics, store house and stock, \$6,000; Webb & Frazier, store house and warehouses, covered by insurance; Wilkinson Bros., stock merchandise, partially covered by insurance; R. D. Smith, telephone exchange and hotel, no insurance, some goods saved, but badly damaged.

Negro Deck Hand Drowned.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Cape Charles, Va., July 16.—A negro deck hand, called "Jim," on the vessel of Captain William Bunting, running in Hungers Creek, fell overboard and was drowned before he could be rescued. He sank quickly and his body was not recovered until this morning. An inquest was held over it by Justice Upshur, the verdict being in accordance with the above facts.

## VETERANS THANK NORTHERN HOSTS

Members of A. P. Hill Camp Express Appreciation of Reception.

WHELAN CASE DISMISSED

Charge of Abduction Not Pressed by Girl's Family.

Times-Dispatch Bureau,  
109 North Sycamore Street,  
Petersburg, Va., July 16.

A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans, at a special meeting held last night, unanimously adopted resolutions of thanks to E. K. Wilcox Post, G. A. R., of Springfield, Mass., and to the people generally of that city, for the generous hospitality extended and the friendly courtesies shown the seventy-eight officers and members and to the drum corps of the camp during the recent three-day visit to Springfield. The resolutions express the most cordial appreciation of the brotherly kindness shown the Southern veterans, and a copy will be forwarded to Wilcox Post.

A resolution of thanks to W. B. Tibbitts Post, G. A. R., of Troy, N. Y., for their invitation to the camp to visit that post was also adopted, with expressions of regret that the invitation could not be accepted.

Speeches were made by several members of the camp in enthusiastic praise of the hospitality they had received at Springfield and of the good that would result from that visit.

Abduction Charge Dismissed.  
Thomas H. Whelan, charged with the abduction of fifteen-year-old Bessie Lee Robertson, of Chesterfield county, was discharged by a court of three magistrates—Justices Dunstan, Rhodes and Friend—sitting in Ettrick to-day. No representative of the young girl's family appeared to prosecute or testify. Several witnesses were put on the stand, and their evidence showed that the disappearance of the couple and their trip to Washington were simply the consummation of the scheme they had mutually planned to elope and get married, and that they would have

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been married in Washington but for their arrest by the police.

Under the circumstances and facts brought before the court, Whelan was given an honorable discharge. The young woman, who left her home last Saturday afternoon, remained with friends until Tuesday morning, when the couple left for Washington. There they were taken into custody by the police as they left the train.

Sunday School Convention.

A convention of all the Methodist Sunday schools in the Mecklenburg circuit will be held to-morrow at Boydton. A large gathering and an interesting session is expected. Several prominent Sunday school workers from Petersburg will attend, including the presiding elder of the district, Rev. J. K. Joliffe, and Isham R. Dyer, of High Street Church.

Depositions Still in Progress.

The statement that the reading of the depositions in the chancery case of Avery et als. vs. Tartie et als., involving the possession of Harrison Street (colored) Baptist Church and the ousting of the Tartie faction from control, had been concluded was an error. Only the depositions of the plaintiffs, the reading of which had consumed several days, were concluded.

The reading of the depositions for the defense was begun this morning and was not completed when the court, Judge J. F. West sitting, adjourned this afternoon. At the request of counsel Judge West adjourned court until next Tuesday, at which time the reading of the depositions will be resumed. The argument will consume a day or a day and a half, and the case may be closed on Wednesday. Judge West is unable at this time to state whether he will render his decision on Wednesday or whether he will take the case under advisement for a few days.

Personal and Otherwise.  
Misses Annie and Sadie Whitmore, of Durham, N. C., are guests in the family of Isham R. Dyer, on High Street.

Reports from the counties in this section are to the effect that the tobacco, peanut and corn crops are in splendid condition and that the recent rains did a vast amount of good.

Such general interest is felt in the appointment of a commissioner of revenue to succeed the late Hugh R. Smith that the suggestion has been made to hold a primary election to decide which of the numerous candidates the people would prefer. But the law gives the appointment to the judge of the Hustings Court.

Mayor William M. Jones continues ill at his residence on Harrison Street.  
Mrs. A. L. Pink, who has been visiting her parents in Scotland for some weeks, has returned to her home in Petersburg.

William R. Brown, of Norfolk, worthy president of the State Aerie of Eagles, has accepted the invitation of Petersburg Aerie to be present at the latter's meeting on Tuesday evening, July 19. The occasion is to be one of special interest.

A medal bearing the inscription, "D. W. Whiting, drummer, Company B, Eleventh N. H. V. Second Brigade, Second Division," was found near the old Federal Fort Fisher, in Dinwiddie county, this week. It probably belonged to a man attached to a New Hampshire regiment.

WILL JOIN ATLANTIC FLEET.

Battleships South Carolina and Minnesota to Take Part in Manoeuvres.

Norfolk, Va., July 16.—The battleships South Carolina and Minnesota, the latter taking leave of Norfolk as her home station, sailed to-day en route to join the Atlantic fleet for summer manoeuvres. They dropped anchor in Hampton Roads, and will be joined to-morrow by the battleship Virginia, which, like the Minnesota, takes leave of this as her home station. All three vessels sail together for the North. In the future the Minnesota's home station will be Philadelphia, while that of the Virginia will be Portsmouth, N. H.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Arch Brown Will Be Executed September 22 for Murder.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Staunton, Va., July 16.—In Circuit Court of Augusta county to-day, Judge Letcher heard argument on a motion for a new trial for Arch Brown, convicted of murder of Perry Hoy. He overruled the motion and sentenced Brown to be electrocuted on September 22, giving the attorneys time to appeal.

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